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American Embassy, Taipei
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Mr. Hsu Shao-Chiang, Head of the American Section of Foreign Office.
Mr. W. P. Cochran, Jr.

Subject: Electronic Counter Measures Activities in Formosa.

Date: December 13, 1954.

I called this afternoon upon Mr. Hsu, Head of the American Section of the Foreign Office, at his request. He adverted to the Embassy memorandum of April 23, 1953, asking for permission for the entrance into Formosa of a group of experts to engage in electronic counter measures activities. The Foreign Office gave the Chinese Government approval in a reply memorandum of May 15, 1953. First there came a survey group to look over the possibilities and the counter-measures unit itself arrived in December of 1953. Mr. Hsu pointed out that our original memorandum had asked for this group to enter for a period of six months and that it had been granted on that basis. Actually they had now been here for a year, without any request having been made for the extension of their stay, and they are still operating, with no indication as to when their activities will terminate. He also indicated his realization of the fact that they desired to continue their operations indefinitely. He said that he thought that it was now time to regularize their status.

Mr. Hsu adverted to the fact that the original memoranda had mentioned the Chinese desire for their personnel to participate in this operation as well as their desire to share in the information gained. He cited a letter from General Peng Meng-Chi dated October 27, 1954, reference 976,G2-2-08, addressed to General Chase, referring particularly to the second of these desires; and to General Chase's reply of November 22, reference MGSO, stating that the material so required was forwarded to the parent unit in Japan and from there to Washington. He intimated that he had no reports of these results but that when he should receive them, he would try to obtain copies for the Chinese.

Mr. Hsu desired to know whether the Embassy wished to request an extension of the agreement, and on what basis. As originally set forth, the unit was to be under Admiral Radford for operational control, with administrative support by MAAG. He felt that any

new agreement should state specifically that these men should be considered as members of MAAG.

I pleaded ignorance and said that I would look into the matter immediately.

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